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### THE BUDDING OF A SOUTHERN FLOWER OR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN CHICAGO.

The recent publicity of social activities at the Wendell Phillips High School, one of the public schools of Chicago, at which about sixteen per cent of the attendants are Colored, in the daily papers of last week resulted in an open meeting at the Fellowship League under the auspices of that ideal and race loving woman, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, last Sunday. The mere announcement was sufficient to crowd the league's quarters to their utmost capacity to hear Miss Fannie Smith, the dean of social activities at the school, and Prof. Perrine, principal, who had been invited to discuss from their point of view the necessity for importing into the public school system of Chicago by subtle and apparent harmless means the germ of southern racial prejudice by grouping of the Negro pupils in the social affairs of the school. The meeting was, perhaps, the first of its kind held in Chicago, and claimed among its eager and heterogeneous audience some of Chicago's best citizens of both races.

Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett presided, and in her short and brief remarks before the introductions of the speakers, cautioned her audience to be calm, and to receive whatever message or explanation the speakers might bring or give without demonstration.

She further stated that the question of discrimination was one of grave concern to the race and should be met by the best thought the race and its friends possessed.

The first speaker was Miss Smith, the dean who had inaugurated the system, her address from an educational view point was pregnant with some splendid rhetorical and diplomatic phrases calculated to deceive and lull the Negro people themselves into a false belief that she had not only under the circumstances done her duty by inaugurating the system which she claims was harmless, but had in fact done the Negro race a great service and benefit. She discussed at length the school system of division and class grouping in which there was not any attempt made at segregation and also stated that segregation in the school activities was not permitted, except in the social affairs which took place about once a week, and that at these affairs the White and the Colored were invited on different days for the reason that the White pupils objected of mixing in socially with the blacks, and that the Colored preferred to group with themselves. While she would answer questions any one might ask, she preferred that there would be no discussion on her speech until one week from that day, so that the audience might have time to consider seriously and soberly what she had said and to reach a conclusion away from the excitement of the hour.

At the conclusion of the speech, Dr. J. W. McDowell was introduced and made an impassioned talk, said that he was the father of a pupil attending Wendell Phillips High School, and that he would spend \$1,000 to enjoin the school from further social segregation if it persisted, after which the principal, Prof. Perrine, was introduced and corroborated all that Miss Smith had said and in addition declared that it was not the purpose of the faculty of the Wendell Phillips High School to discriminate against any one, and that the system objected to was not one of discrimination or segregation, as the social function of the school was no part of the educational facilities, but was purely a social matter, in which the faculty was endeavoring to make it pleasant for all the students. That no one could complain because another would not associate with them in a social dance or otherwise; that the school was trying to do what was the

best for both races. It was at this juncture that several questions were asked by various persons in the audience, and finally Lawyer Beauregard F. Moseley asked permission and received it through the chair to ask the speakers, Miss Smith and Prof. Perrine, "If their purpose as educators was to lead and teach so that the world would become better and mankind more considerate of its fellows, and if that was the purpose of education, would it not in their judgment be best to leave the question of social grouping optionally with the pupils themselves, and not to make it a rule of school conduct?"

After some consideration both speakers answered in the affirmative, and stated that it was best. Mr. Moseley and Mr. Ellis then asked: "Why was it not done in that way? The children if permitted would adjust the matter without involving the faculty of the school."

Mr. George Ellis was very positive "that the recognition given to the whims of parents and pupils alike was the real evil, and if the attendance on social days was enforced like any other school mandate, there would be nothing of the school social grouping at the school." After an invitation was extended by the school faculty for a committee of Colored citizens to visit the school and see for themselves the manner in which the school is conducted.

The meeting adjourned.—"P."

### NOTES ON RACIAL PROGRESS.

Furnished by the National Negro Business League.

Two Colored boys, James Jeter and Edward Allen, of Little Rock, Ark., joined the Savings Club of the Union Trust Company of that city and saved over \$100.00 since January 7, 1914. These boys have a joint shoe cleaning stand which they run after school hours. Aside from saving this money, they have bought their own clothes and school books.

The Civic Center Exposition Company of Oakland, California, will have charge of some of the Negro exhibits at the Panama Exposition.

Representatives of the leading Colored educational institutions in the State of Virginia met in Richmond recently. Uniformity of standards and regulations was the basis of their deliberations.

Andrew Irving is a member of the sales force of the Sharpe Furniture Company, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The American Negro Academy held its eighteenth annual meeting in Washington, District of Columbia, last week.

R. C. Houston of Dallas, Texas, has been appointed treasurer of the Texas Grand Lodge of Masons to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. W. T. Hughes.

N. B. Dodson, editor of the Afro-American page of the American Press Association, has been elected president of the Sons of Virginia of Greater New York.

Mrs. Odessa Warren Grey, of New York City, and one of the race's best known and most artistic milliners, has moved into new and larger quarters at 2221 Seventh avenue. Mrs. Grey is said to have a large patronage among Broadway actresses.

The Page Shoe Store is a thriving Negro enterprise of Kansas City, Mo.

The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association of Durham, North Carolina, has just closed its 1914 records with the following figures: Total business for the year, \$400,000.00; increase over 1913, \$50,000.00; amount paid to policy holders, \$200,000.00.

The assessed value of Colored people's property in Brooks county, Georgia, is \$556,977.00. In the Dixie District of this county an industrial school under Miss Lillie Gaines and the Simon Hill Baptist church, under Rev. W. F. Tarver, have done much to develop habits of thrift and economy among the Colored people. This year they have six corn and tomato cobs and have put up 3,900 jars and cans of these products.

### THE AMATEUR MINSTREL CLUB MEETS.

The Amateur Minstrel Club has started again! They met Wednesday night and many new and novel features were suggested for their Easter show. The following officers were elected: Chas. S. Washington, president; Morris Bell, treasurer; Richard Moore, Jr., secretary; Harry Horsley, assistant secretary; David McGowan, musical director.



HON. OSCAR DE PRIEST

Ex-commissioner of Cook county, successful business man and property holder, who opens up his aldermanic campaign as the regular republican candidate for alderman of the second ward, at Olivet Baptist church, Monday evening, January 25th.

### WANTED—A COLORED ALDERMAN.

A citizens' meeting will be held at Olivet Baptist church, Monday, January 25th, 8 p. m., to promote the selection of a Colored representative in the common council. Yourself and friends invited.

Addresses by

Rev. E. J. Fisher  
Dr. J. T. Jenifer  
Dr. J. W. McDowell  
Judge G. W. Underwood  
Noble B. Judah, Jr.  
Dr. Carrie Golden  
Hon. W. L. Martin  
F. L. Barnett  
Mrs. Irene Lewis  
Rev. A. J. Carey  
Hon. S. A. Ettelson  
Hon. Oscar De Priest.

### HYDE PARK NEWS.

By L. W. Washington.

Miss Barber who has been visiting Miss Steward, 5330 Kenwood avenue, left for her home in Charleston, West Virginia, the 19th, after having a pleasant visit in the city.

Mrs. Lampkins departed this life the 16th after a short illness. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, three devoted daughters and one son. Her funeral was prepared by Rev. Berry of the St. Paul Baptist church at two-thirty Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Blair, of 5338 Kenwood avenue, is on the sick list. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Dela Leach is now convalescing after being very sick.

Mrs. Mattie Brooks of 5037 Lake Park avenue, who is very sick, has joined the Hyde Park A. M. E. church.

On Tuesday evening the 19th the ladies met at the residence of Mrs. Joe Grunn, 5548 Jefferson avenue, Mrs. Gilmore, the organizer of the Colored Woman's Party the meeting was addressed by Kirk. Hot chocolate cake and cream were served. 2 ladies were present. It was a Thompson meeting.

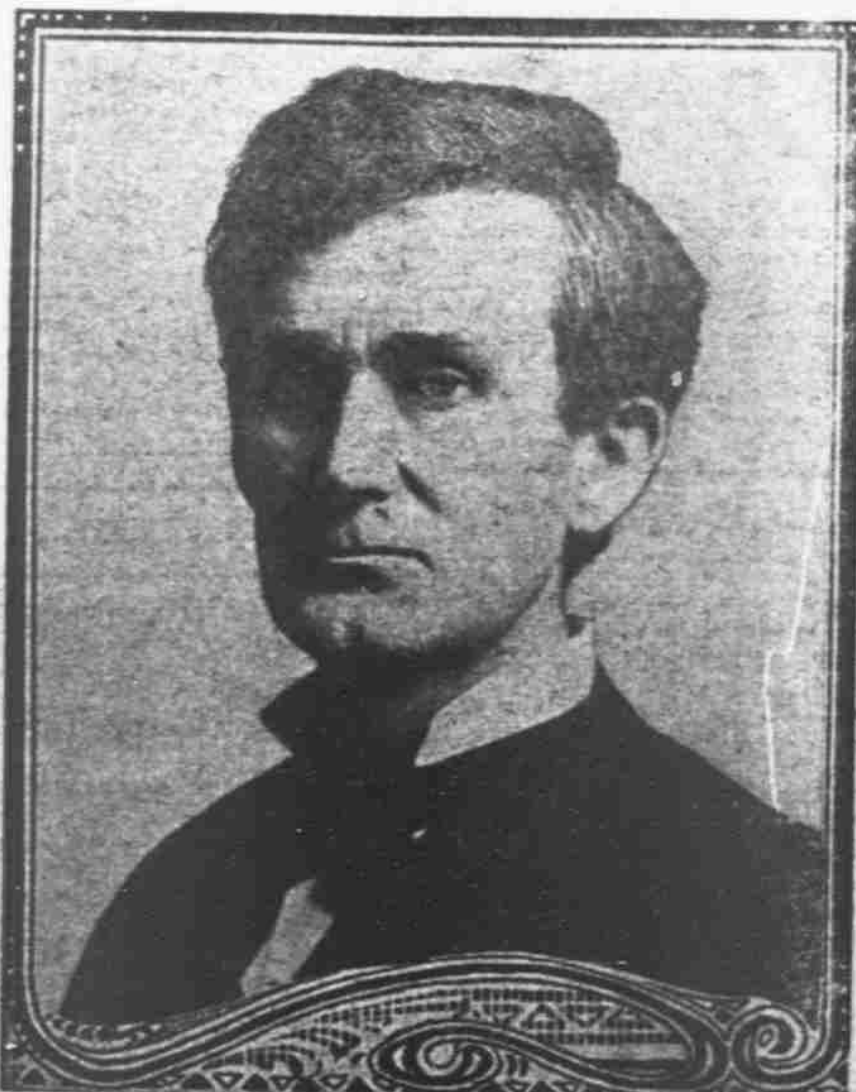
Mrs. Lena Hawkins has returned, after spending quite a while visiting her mother in Cairo, Ill., her old home. We welcome her back to our city.

Mrs. Bessie Perkins entertained a few of her friends the 19th. The guests left after spending a pleasant evening.

### DR. H. REGINALD SMITH, AFTER HIS SOJOURN IN EUROPE, IS AGAIN READY TO LOOK AFTER HIS MANY PATIENTS.

Several weeks ago it was announced in these columns that Dr. H. Reginald Smith had returned home from London, England, where for nine months he attended the London University, drinking in many special studies in advanced medicine and surgery, and Dr. Smith announces with pleasure that he is again ready to administer to the wants of his many old patients, as well as new ones; that he will impart to them the best medical skill which he acquired abroad.

His office and residence are still at the old stand, 3401 S. State street. Hours, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. Phone Douglas 1248, automatic 71-729.



HON. LAWRENCE Y. SHERMAN

United States republican senator from Illinois who refused to vote against the immigration bill to exclude Colored people from coming to the United States, and who has introduced a bill in the senate in favor of appropriating \$150,000 to enable the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann and the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Cary, Ph.D., D.D., to hold their exhibition in Chicago this coming August.

### SCALE OF VOTES.

\$ 2.00	One Year	1,000 votes
4.00	Two Years	3,000 votes
6.00	Three Years	6,000 votes
8.00	Four Years	10,000 votes
10.00	Five Years	15,000 votes

### NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.

Mme. E. M. Scott, 3611 S. State St.	95,000 votes
Rev. J. W. Robinson, 4925 Wabash Ave., Pastor St. Mark's Ch.	71,940 votes
Rev. W. S. Braddan (chaplain 8th Reg.), 5008 Fifth Ave.	47,000 votes
Miss Pauline D. Owens, Mounds, Ill.	43,440 votes
Miss Hattie Winslow, 3535 South Wabash Ave.	39,370 votes
Henry Humphrey, 3607 State street.	31,000 votes
Miss B. Forston, 2962 Wabash Ave., Flat 6.	31,050 votes
Miss Nellie Callaway, 3300 Rhodes Ave.	21,000 votes
Miss Ethel Cole, 3600 Wabash Ave., Flat 44.	9,000 votes
Alma G. Rowens, 3228 Calumet Ave.	8,000 votes
Miss Cora Mason, 11 E. 34th St.	6,180 votes
Miss Josephine Davis, 3244 Wabash Ave.	5,000 votes
Miss Elizabeth Clark, 3812 Wabash Ave.	5,000 votes
Mrs. Louise Webb, 3807 Vincennes Ave.	5,000 votes
Miss Bertha Moseley, 4331 Forestville Ave.	6,500 votes
Miss Geneva Jones, 4165 S. State St.	5,000 votes
Miss Marjorie Gaskill, 742 Claremont Ave.	5,000 votes
Miss Fannie Stout, 1940 Walnut St.	5,000 votes

### ST. MARK M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

By A. J. Nimrod.

Rev. John W. Robinson, pastor of St. Mark, continues to attract large audiences every Sunday with his splendid sermons. Judging from the gigantic task undertaken by the great divine and the short time in which so much has been accomplished, under such trying conditions, the admiration of all those who love God has been challenged. Visit St. Mark; the services are grand.

The Shiloh Baptist church choir will give an oratorio, "The Prodigal Son," at St. Mark M. E. church January 28th, at 8:15 p. m.

Prof. Geo. E. Duncan, director, and all the members have graciously donated their services to aid in the completion of the new church.

Ladies Aid No. 2 held a reception January 19th at the home of Mr. H. D. Smith, 4712 Dearborn street. Miss Bettiola Forston read two original poems and several new members were added.

The church is organizing the dedication rally. The pastor is taking subscriptions. Quite a number have subscribed.

Miss Lucile Beatrice Robinson, daughter of Rev. John W. and Mrs. Robinson, has been sick for several days and away from school. Her many friends hope her a speedy recovery.

Visit St. Mark Lyceum opening at 4:30 p. m. every Sunday.

### TEACHERS OF THE WENDELL PHILLIPS SCHOOL TO ADDRESS BETHEL LITERARY CLUB AT BETHEL CHURCH, JAN. 24th.

Every person who is interested in the future welfare of the race will be present on next Sunday afternoon, January 24th, to hear the addresses of the principal of Wendell Phillips school and his assistants, Mr. Shoemaker and Miss Smith, dean of the girls, at the Bethel Literary Club, 30th and Dearborn streets, at 4 o'clock. On account of recent reports of discrimination on account of color at the school, great interest is taken in what they have to say. Meeting promptly at 4 o'clock. All are welcome.

### COLORED CAPTAIN OF FRENCH BATTLESHIP.

The only one of the greatest nations in the world that enjoys the distinction of having a Negro ranked and recognized officially as a naval captain is France. Lieutenant Mortenoi, a Negro, and a native of Guadeloupe, has recently been promoted on account of services to the French government to the rank of captain in the French navy. While there are many representatives of foreign races in the French army and navy, including both Negroes and Chinese, Captain Mortenoi is the first to attain this rank in the navy.

### E. H. FAULKNER, THE NEWS DEALER, 3109 S. STATE STREET, CONTINUES TO MAKE GOOD IN SELLING THE BROAD AX.

For several weeks past E. H. Faulkner, 3109 S. State street, who conducts one of the best news stands in this city and who is always wide awake during business hours, has been increasing his orders for more copies of The Broad Ax, which proves that he is continuing to make good in selling the paper.

Each Friday evening the paper is on sale at his place of business and at the other news stands which appear in another column of this paper.

### NEGO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

Sunday, January 24th, the committee appointed as the result of the meeting last Sunday to visit Wendell Phillips school, will make its report of that visit. All interested in the solution of the matter of the Wendell Phillips school room are urged to be present at 3005 State street, 4 p. m.

Last Sunday the greatest crowd in the same city.

the history of the reading room was present to hear Miss Fannie Smith, dean of girls at Wendell Phillips, and Mr. Perrine, assistant principal of the high school, discuss social regulations at this school. After much discussion the following committee was appointed to visit the school: Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, chairman; Mr. George W. Ellis, Mrs. M. A. Majors, Mr. Frank Hamilton and Rev. A. L. Stewart.

### PONTIFF HONORS CHICAGO PRIEST.

Addresses Letter of War Sorrow to the Rev. Joseph T. Roche.

### WEEPS FOR SUFFERERS.

Rome, Jan. 22.—Cardinal Gaspari, papal secretary of state, by direction of Pope Benedict XV., today sent to the Rev. Father Joseph T. Roche of Chicago the following letter, expressive of the feelings of the pontiff:

"The father of the faithful, the supreme head and benefactor of humanity, the pope, deploras the calamities of this horrible war."

"Being unable immediately to extinguish the fire which devours these blinded brothers, he feels in his heart all the sorrows of the orphans, widows and mothers of desolate families and hears their groans."

### MR. JOHN W. HARRIS, GRAND OR SUPREME CHANCELLOR OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF MISSISSIPPI.

residing at Meridian in that state, has become a regular subscriber to The Broad Ax, through Miss Pauline D. Owens, teacher in the public schools at Mounds, Ill., who is prominently connected with the Knights of Pythias of Illinois, and one of the contestants in the popularity contest now being conducted by this paper.

### OPENING OF THE EIGHTH REGIMENT ARMY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

A colonial party and house warming will be given by the 8th Regiment on Washington's birthday, February 22, in honor of the opening of the new armory. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### HON. BENJAMIN M. MITCHELL, WHO HAS BEEN A PROMINENT FACTOR IN THE ROGER C. SULLIVAN WING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HAS WHEELED IN LINE FOR MAYOR CARTER H. HARRISON.

Hon. Benjamin M. Mitchell, who has the past week received twenty to twenty-five votes for speaker of the Illinois legislature, who has in the past been a prominent factor in the Roger C. Sullivan wing of the democratic party, has wheeled in line for Mayor Carter H. Harrison and he will pull off his coat and work with all of his might and main for his renomination at the primaries February 23d.

The Political Equality League convened Wednesday evening for the purpose of becoming active in the campaign. Mr. Wm. R. Cowan said that he was with Chas. A. Griffin with or without money. Mr. E. H. Wright being defeated in his efforts to support his friends, walked out of the meeting with James T. Brewington. Mrs. F. L. Barnett and ten other of the Alpha Suffrage Club came to the meeting too late to do Mr. Wright any good. The meeting seemed to be a Griffin meeting. Dr. Davis and Mr. Ferris also seemed to be disappointed because things did not go their way.

Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Roberts, who are now residing in Indianapolis, Ind., have removed from 14 W. Vermont St., that city, to 1121 N. Senate avenue, in this city.